



MAIL STOP RCE

Attorney Docket No. 24390

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHINITZKY et al.

Serial No.: 09/647,457

Art Unit: 1647

Filed: November 29, 2000

Examiner: Sharon Turner

For: **ASSAY FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA BASED ON A NEW PEPTIDE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in further response to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated September 3, 2004. The four month shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action was set, in the Advisory Action, to expire on August 7, 2004. A two month Petition for Extension of Time and fee are attached hereto, extending the period for reply to October 7, 2004. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.